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Letter dated 21 November 2002 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, following informal consultations, and taking into account the views of your Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Mr. Michael Steiner, the members of the Security Council have agreed to dispatch a mission to Kosovo and Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, from 13 to 17 December 2002. The terms of reference for the mission are attached (see annex). The composition of the mission, which will be led by Ole Peter Kolby (Norway), will be forwarded to you shortly.

I should be grateful if you could have the Secretariat make all the necessary arrangements to facilitate the work of the mission.

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Annex

Terms of reference for the mission to Kosovo and Belgrade, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

1. At the invitation of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Kosovo, Michael Steiner, the Security Council decides to send a mission there. The visit will take place from 13 to 17 December 2002. The Mission will visit both Pristina and Belgrade.

2. The Mission has the following objectives:

(a) To find ways to enhance support for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and the work of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) to this end;

(b) In this context, to observe the operations of UNMIK and the situation on the ground, and specifically to obtain an update on Mr. Steiner's benchmarks, including the rule of law, the rate of sustainable return and the privatization agenda; in addition, to discuss the challenges faced by UNMIK, particularly the follow-up to the local elections, decentralization and the situation in Mitrovica; and report its conclusions to the Security Council;

(c) To convey a strong message to the provisional institutions for self-government, local leaders, the newly elected municipal officials and all others concerned, about the need to:

(i) Use the opportunity created by the local elections to move forward with the decentralization process and to further develop democratic institutions;

(ii) Promote inter-ethnic reconciliation and inclusion;

(iii) Reject all violence, condemn extremist and terrorist activities;

(iv) Ensure public safety and order, promote stability and security;

(v) Support the full and effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and fully cooperate with UNMIK and the international security presence to these ends;

(d) To explore ways to enhance cooperation between UNMIK and the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the basis of the UNMIK-Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Common Document of 5 November 2001, and the opportunities for increased cooperation between Pristina and Belgrade;

(e) To look at the impact of the regional situation on the work of UNMIK.